

**FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**February 24, 2015**

**MINUTES**

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I. The February 24, 2015 meeting of the Frederick County Human Relations Commission was called to order at 7:03p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at Winchester hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, Maryland by Chair Angela Spencer.

An invitation was given to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. The following members were present at the meeting: Angela Spencer, Tonya Amedon, Jack Thomas, David Kaye, Lisa Clark, Oladimeji Ibraheem, Georgia McCauley and Francisco Alves  
The following members were absent: Annette Breiling, Adeyemi Adeoye, Irene Packer Halsey, Kavonte Duckett and Mari Lee.

The following liaison members were present: Kathleen Hartsock, Donna Kuzemchak and Jessica Fitzwater.

III. Upon a motion by Oladimeji Ibraheem and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tonya Amedon the minutes were approved with 3 changes.

IV. Comments from the Public

Donna reported that the City Crime statistics have been released and they are down from last year.

V. Officers' Reports

a. Executive committee

- Angela thanked Tonya for running the meeting last month.
- The Spring Retreat is coming up May the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Executive Committee will be working on it in the coming month. We will be discussing the strategic plan and legislative issues.
- Miles and Angela met with Acting Lt. Tokarz with the City Police on March 13; he took the place of Matt Evans and he plans on becoming involved in the HRC.
- Lisa Clark was appointed as the Member at Large for the Commission.
- There were at least 52 people present at the Black History Month Proclamation; the program is still on line to be watched or listened to.

b. Treasurer's Report

- There is \$3,486.00 available to the HRC as of today.

## VI. Committee Reports

### *Community Relations Committee*

- Lisa reported the CRC has not had another official meeting in the past month.
- Lisa is encouraging ticket sales and nominations. 5 nominations have been submitted at this time.
- Angela stated that everything is set for Dutch's Daughter; the menu still needs to be worked on but she and Lisa will do that at a later time.
- A Claire Knight award will be given at the banquet.
- Jessica asked about sales for the program book. Pat said she would send out a list for the members to contact. She also asked the members to contact people they know.
- Pat was asked to create a half size brochure for the members to use for tickets and ad sales and send it to the members.

### *Government Relations Committee*

- The Meet and Greet has been scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at the PSTF at 9:30. The plan is to invite the leaders of the municipalities. If any HRC members are available to be there please try to attend. We are asking for RSVP's to make sure there is enough interest from the community.
- Jessica mentioned the issue of English as the Official Language of Frederick County Ordinance and the Anti Discrimination Ordinance. They will be a topic of discussion as something to bring before the county council in the next year. She suggested that the HRC create a package to present to the council in the future.
- Georgia McCauley reported on 3 bills that are in the works at this time.  
HB 42 – Fair Employment Preservation Act of 2015  
HB 229 – Human Relations – Employment Discrimination – Protection for Interns  
SB 297 – Task Force on Family Care Giving and Long-Term Support

### *Internal Relations Committee*

- The IRC is trying to set up meetings with High Schools to create an HRC subcommittee of students.
- Fair Housing - David Kaye reported that he met with Miles and they put together a power point and the next step is to have Irene look at the presentation. David will be the presenter and it should take about 40 minutes. David plans to have a lot of materials available for the public. A venue and date in May will be secured soon. David Kaye reported that the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event will be held in Baker Park at the Band Shell sometime in May. David is working on getting many organizations involved.

### *Pangea Festival Committee*

- Angela attended the last meeting. At the current time the Naturalization Ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 4 in the parking lot of Westridge Square at 2pm. The HRC will need to handle all of the details such as the tent, sound and staging. We are trying to get help and support for the sound and the staging. The Rotary club has a grant that possibly could be used to offset the cost. Miles will look into it. Concerns about the Naturalization Ceremony were brought up by HRC members. David Kaye said he may be able to get a tent donated.

### VII. New Business

- The Art Director at the public schools was contacted regarding a contest for a new logo. So far no submissions have been made.
- A poster will be designed along with the new logo.
- Kavonte coordinated a “Stop the violence event”. It was well attended and received by the community. Some of the things discussed were mentoring, having more men, young men and parents involved with the youth in the community, the lack of nonprofit agencies that used to exist but no longer do due to funding and afterschool programs that are no longer in existence.
- The Faith based communities had an event at the Evangelical Lutheran Church the Sunday after the shooting as well. Angela attended on behalf of the HRC.

### VIII. HRD Director’s Report

- Miles reported that Anastasia Rosen-Jones could not attend the meeting but asked Miles if he would remind everyone about the upcoming Coffee House Conversations on Race. She is looking for facilitators. The first one was in January and it functioned very well.
- Frederick County Commission for Women’s Banquet is coming up on March 19, 2015 and tickets are still available.
- There are a steady volume of cases with no appeals.

### IX. Upcoming Events

- Thursday, March 19, 2015 – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Alliance Dinner – 5:30pm Ceresville Mansion
- Saturday, March 21, 2015 – Coffee House Conversations on Race Relations, Dublin Roasters
- Thursday, April 9, 2015 - Fair Housing Conference –at the Frederick City Hall Annex - at 9:30 am
- Monday, April 13, 2015 6 p.m. - HRC Awards Dinner at Dutch’s Daughter
- Saturday, April 18, 2015 10am – 3pm- Youth Resource Fair at Francis Scott Key Mall
- Saturday, May 2, 2015 – HRC Spring Retreat – Public Safety Training Facility Building

- Thursday, May 7, 2015 – National Day of Prayer Youth Rally 6:30 – 8:30pm – Baker Park Band Shell.
- May 30, 2015 - Planting Hope Community Outreach – Frederick County Fair Grounds

X. Sharing

Annette wanted Angela to thank the HRC for supporting the Student Peace Awards. There was a good attendance in spite of the snow.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes were submitted by the Human Relations Department